

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (previously canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A pan for use within either a stand alone commode or a toilet accommodating commode, said pan comprising:

an upper portion part, said upper portion part having a front and a back;

a lower portion part, said lower portion part defining a circular bottom lower opening adapted to be in substantial alignment with a toilet;

at least one wall extending downwardly from said upper portion part to contact said lower portion part whereby said pan is capable of fluid communication with said toilet;

a rim defined by said upper portion part and adapted for communication with said commode, said rim defining a generally elongated opening in said upper portion part; and

a splash guard defined by said at least one wall at the front of said upper portion part and in communication with said rim;

wherein said splash guard comprises an arcuate extension of said wall and has a gently sloped surface that extends downwardly from said rim and towards said bottom portion part, so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The pan of claim 12, wherein said generally elongated opening of said pan is adapted to be in registry with an opening defined by a seat of said commode.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The pan of claim 13, wherein said rim is adapted for releasable engagement with said commode.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The pan of claim 14, wherein said circular bottom is closed and wherein said rim is capable of releasable engagement with ~~releasably engaged by~~ said commode by means of a peripheral flange affixed thereto.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A pan as defined in claim 15 whereby said pan is further capable of being affixed to said frame by being slidingly interfitted with said flange of said commode.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A pan as defined in claim ~~16~~ 14 wherein said circular bottom is open, and is capable of being in substantial alignment with a toilet, and wherein said rim includes a peripheral flange for holding and supporting said pan ~~said commode. bottom portion has an opening for fluid communication with a household toilet.~~

Claim 18 (previously presented): A pan as defined in claim 17 wherein said rim has a generally rectangular shape.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A commode capable of being used either stand alone, or in cooperation with a toilet, said commode having:

a frame;

a commode seat having an opening, said opening of said commode seat being in registry with said opening defined by said rim of said pan,
said pan further having sides directed downwardly from said upper portion part to said bottom portion part so as to be capable of being in fluid communication with a toilet; and
said upper portion part further having a splash guard at said front, said splash guard being defined by an arcuate extension extending downwardly at said front of said upper portion part, from said rim of said upper portion part to said lower portion part, so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A commode as defined in claim 19 wherein said arcuate extension has a gently sloped surface.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A commode as defined in claim 20 wherein said pan is situated within said commode by being releasably affixed to said frame of said commode by means of an outwardly extending peripheral flange extending from said frame.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A commode as defined in claim 20 wherein said flange of said commode is a downwardly projecting L-shaped flange such that said pan can be releasably affixed to said frame by being slidingly interfitted with said flange.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A commode as defined in claim[[s]] 21 or 22, wherein said bottom portion of said pan has an opening for fluid communication with a household toilet.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A commode as defined in claim 23, wherein said rim of said pan has a generally rectangular shape.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A pan for use within either a stand alone commode or a toilet accommodating commode, said pan having:

an upper portion part, said upper portion part having a front and a back;

a lower portion part, said lower portion part defining a lower opening, so as to be in fluid communication with a toilet;

a rim, said rim defining a generally elongated opening there through said upper portion part;

at least one wall extending downwardly from said upper portion part to contact said lower portion part whereby said pan is capable of said fluid communication with said toilet; and

said upper portion part further having a splash guard defined by said at least one wall at said front, said splash guard being defined by an extension extending downwardly at said front of said upper portion part, from said rim of said upper portion part towards said bottom portion part;

the improvement which comprises said extension being arcuate in shape and having a gently sloped surface so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A splash guard for use on a pan for use within either a stand alone or toilet accommodating commode comprising:

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an arcuate front having a gently sloping surface for connecting an upper portion of said pan to a lower portion of said pan at a front wall of said pan so that said splash guard directs and prevents splashing of waste from a commode user during a use of said pan.